

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 1, 2003

FROM: RUDY LOPEZ, Director
Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS FOR INSTITUTE OF MENTAL DISEASE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreements for Institutes of Mental Disease services totaling \$4,062,747 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with the following contractors:

Agreement No.	Contractor	Daily Bed Rate	Agreement Amount
	Beverly Manor	\$121-\$207	\$340,958
	Braswell Enterprises, Inc. d. b. a. Sierra Vista	\$121-220	\$1,061,279
	Community Care Center, Inc.	\$121-207	\$624,872
	Shandin Hills Rehab. Center, Inc. d. b. a. Shandin Hills Behavioral Therapy Center	\$121	\$1,460,593
	Vista Pacifica	\$121-211	\$575,045
		Total	\$4,062,747

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow DBH to serve persistently mentally ill clients at an appropriate level of care by renewing annual contracts with regional facilities.

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) operates a continuum of care system that consists of County operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of San Bernardino County. The highest level of care is the state hospital psychiatric unit; the next highest level of treatment is provided through the Institute of Mental Disease (IMD). Clients who need a lower level of care are placed in augmented board and care facilities. The higher the level of care, the more costly it is to place clients.

IMDs are locked Medi-Cal nursing facilities that provide services to a severely and persistently mentally ill population whose functioning level is too low to be maintained in a board and care facility. Licensed IMDs provide programs of organized therapeutic activities designed to promote daily living and social skills. The State Department of Mental Health mandates that DBH use licensed IMDs to provide specific 24-hour services to mental health consumers who require this level of care.

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DBH contracts with every IMD facility in San Bernardino County. Additionally, DBH contracts with two IMD facilities in Riverside County and two in Los Angeles County due to a shortage of IMD beds. Requirements set forth by the State of California Department of Health Services (DHS) regulate IMD facilities licensed by the State. Due to this unique set of circumstances, the RFP process has not been utilized. Agreements are usually for one year due to rate and policy changes that occur each year.

DHS mandates the rate at which contractors are reimbursed for basic IMD services. For past years, DHS has implemented an annual increase of 2% for the daily IMD bed rate. Due to State funding shortfalls, DBH does not anticipate increases in FY 03-04.

DBH compensates each contractor \$120.93 per bed per day for basic services, which is the current DHS approved rate. Shandin Hills provides basic services only. The other contractors offer additional services for consumers who need additional supervision or treatment. Level A beds are compensated at a rate of 168.93; Level B beds are \$192.93; Level C beds are \$206.93. Additionally, Community Care has a Bungalow rate for individuals who have poor impulse control, are at risk of self-abusive behavior but who do not meet criteria for Regional Center care and supervision. Sierra Vista also provides other specialized care for patients (e.g. services for deaf, Vietnamese). Vista Pacifica does not provide Level A services, but does provide a higher level of care for Level C. Because Vista Pacifica provides treatment of certain medical conditions as part of Level C services, Vista Pacifica's Level C services are compensated at rate of \$210.93. These differing levels of compensation and the different number of bed days account for the variation in agreement amounts.

Currently, DBH contracts for IMD services with all the above listed providers and Telecare Corporation – La Paz Geropsychiatric in Los Angeles County.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed and approved as to form by Deputy County Counsel, Charles J. Larkin on June 18, 2003. This item was also reviewed by County Administrative Office, Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst on June 12, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will provide IMD services to County residents in the amount of \$4,062,747 for Fiscal Year 2003/2004. Funding for these services is included in the department's Fiscal Year 2003/2004 proposed budget, and the agreements are 100% funded by State realignment. There is no local cost to the County.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it imposes no local cost to the County and provides mandated access to DBH services.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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